## Decision No. 25317.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of (A) Southern Pacific Company for authority to establish part-time agencies at the stations of Goleta and Naples in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, and (B) Railway Express Agency, Inc., for authority to establish a part-time agency at each of said stations.



Application No. 18409.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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The Southern Pacific Company, joined by Railway Express Agency, Inc., on September 12, 1932, petitioned the Commission for authority to establish part-time agencies in lieu of the present full-time agencies at Goleta and Maples, both in Santa Barbara County. Accompanying the application is a statement showing the

amount of business transacted by the Southern Pacific Company at each station during the 12-month period ending July 31, 1932. Shown in tabular form below is the revenue derived from each station during this same period.

:Revenue	 Goleta	Naples
Ticket Sales,	\$59.35	\$52.08
Less-than-carload Freight	978.47	119.13
Less-than-carload Freight	319.32	37.82
Carload Freight Received	5,126.26	2,154.40
Carload Freight Forwarded	39,989.50	164.00

The express revenue derived during the year ending July 31, 1932 at Goleta amounted to \$1,204.31, and at Naples \$323.41. Station expense was approximately \$2,000 at Goleta and \$1,750

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at Naples.

The nearest agencies to Goleta are Santa Barbara, 7.9 miles east, and Naples, 7.8 miles west. The nearest agencies to Naples are Goleta, 7.8 miles east, and Gaviota, 15.6 miles west.

Applicants allege that under the present conditions the revenue derived at said stations does not warrant continued maintenance of a full-time agency at each of said stations and that the business can be adequately handled by one regular agent who will be on duty at each station a sufficient length of time during each day to handle the business at both stations.

In the original application it was proposed by applicants to have an agent on duty at Goleta Station during the approximate hours of 6:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and at Naples Station during the approximate hours of 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. In a supplemental application filed October 21, 1932, applicants have requested that this portion of their request be modified so that the agency at Goleta Station shall be maintained during the approximate hours of 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and at Naples Station during the approximate hours of 11:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

The California Farm Bureau Federation on October 18, 1932 signified, in writing, that it does not object to the granting of this application.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company and Railway Express Agency, Inc. are hereby authorized to establish part-time agencies at Goleta and Naples in Santa Barbara County, California, subject, however, to the following conditions:



- (2) The part-time operation of these agencies shall not result in an increase in fares for the Southern Pacific Company's passengers boarding trains at these points.
- (3) During the absence of the agent, less-than-carload freight shipments shall be stored under lock in the company's warehouse at each location. The key to the warehouse shall be made obtainable from a custodian located at or near said station and notice advising where key may be obtained shall be maintained in a conspicuous place at each warehouse.
- (4) Railway Express Agency, Inc. shall, during the absence of the agent, continue to handle express shipments moving into or out of said points, provided they are tendered to or received from the express messenger at car door of trains stopping at said points.
- (5) Applicants shall give at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the establishment of the proposed part-time agencies by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at each station.
- (6) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the change herein authorized and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (7) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on

the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>3/26</u>day of *Optimer*, 1932.

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Commissioners.